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Woman's World-wide Work with War

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Preparing for the Great International Peace

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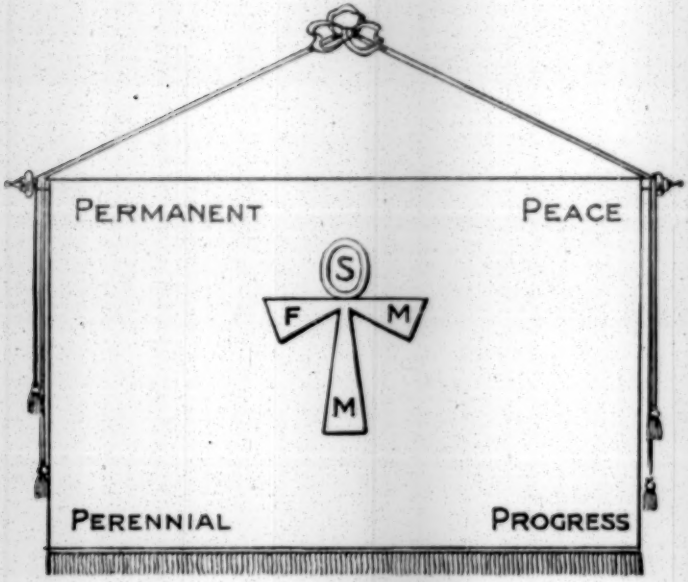

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Page 4, line 16, "The main masculine quality is wisdom of the ability"
should read
"or the ability."

P. 30, l. 20, "This year then is "W.E.1," not A.D. 1915, only so far"
should read
"not A.D. 1915 only, so far"

P. 37, l. 14, "Not as a mere subject for the male,"
should read
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P. 47, l. 19, "thereby got a living"
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P. 61, l. 25, "Crux Asanta" should read "Crux Ansata."

P. 62, l. 16, "one hundred years"
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"a generation"

militarism may be crushed *pro tem.*, but unless *international* work by women is undertaken to prevent other wars we shall, at some time, sooner or later see the same spirit of war rise again out of the ashes of the present.

It is the aim of the author, by means of this little pamphlet, to organize women into a Peace Army, and to provide a medium through which women can publicly state their opinions not only on war—which, however, at present, will have pre-eminence—but on all subjects affecting the world's welfare, and particularly that relating to woman's complete emancipation. This is a tremendous undertaking, but Abraham Lincoln achieved the seemingly impossible task of freeing the slaves ; I hope to be instrumental in emancipating women!

If *every* woman will lend her aid we shall succeed by peaceful means—without distress to anyone and without show. If we go to work *rightly* we shall realize that the Woman's Era will be ushered in like the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven " without observation " —that is, without ostentation or noise. It will be a great augury for perpetual peace when woman takes her right place again by the side of man as his helper and *truly* as his other half. Where there is completion or unity there is peace ; but where there is division or disaffection, there is war. The reunifying of man and woman on an equal base will result in peace of a world-wide character, as I shall hope to show you, but if there is still to be

separation of the sexes and nations it is impossible for us to even imagine what future conditions will obtain, for I am convinced that no one knows what the outcome will be; but I thoroughly believe that women can settle the matter by organizing themselves into one solid body and making their power *felt* on some questions now before the public mind. If women remain even indifferent we cannot say what will happen; but if they say that there shall be no more war, no more war there will be! I believe it was the direct action of women that ended the Napoleonic wars, and perhaps history will repeat itself again.

It has to be admitted that this war and all that it has entailed has been entirely the work of man. No woman, so far as I know, has had a hand in it. If, then, this is the result of the work done by man alone, it is time to make a change. Personally I am not sure that if women had acted alone there would have been a much better condition than now obtains, and I most sincerely hope that women will never try to act alone except to prevent the other sex doing what is wrong for individuals, sects, or nations.

It must be remembered that mankind is one

—a unit—divided into two classes—male and female. The two parts are complemental of one another—what one part lacks the other possesses, not for itself, but for the completion of mankind. The male as a male is complete; the female as a female is complete; the two combined is *mankind* complete, but separated, incomplete. It is said by some that man was at one time both male and female, whether that be so we cannot definitely state; but we know from experience that the male has some feminine qualities and the female has some masculine qualities. The main feminine quality is intuition or the ability to be taught from within or above. The main masculine quality is wisdom of the ability to be taught by something or someone exterior. By this means the male gets, or should get, his tuition from the female who gets it from within or from above. The power of the female to look within and receive instruction thence, and the power of the male to look without and receive instruction thence, when combined, give a complete unification of the within and the without, or the interior and the exterior, whereby peace, harmony and satisfaction are secured. A most appropriate and remarkable saying attributed to Jesus is

of value here. In reply to the question, *When* shall the Kingdom of Heaven appear? he said, "When two shall become one, and when the without shall be as the within." Meaning when male and female shall be as either one. This cannot be whilst there is separation. One aim of this work is to bring about that union.

It is impossible to bring about union without equality being recognized. So long as the male considers the female to be inferior, or the female considers the male to be what he is not, so long will it be impossible for unity to be established between them. Therefore it is our duty to do all we can to rightly *educate* everyone to the point of seeing the complemental nature of the male and female elements which constitute mankind. The question may be asked, If they are only complemental, are they equal? Yes, they are equal in being only complemental; but there is another sense in which they are equal, viz., both are human beings and both are Spiritual beings, and even in both these respects they are complemental too. The only place where the inequality arises is in the mental estimate of each other, and that can be remedied by us. I am going to use the "male" and "female"

as much as possible, and I ask all my correspondents to do likewise. Let us have the Genus Mankind, and the species Male and Female. It will help us to a new understanding and a better comprehension of our *complemental* nature which is the fundamental point of all our work in emancipating woman.

In order that another war may be made impossible, I ask for a million English women as a Peace Army to start the movement, and I want them to undertake to work on certain lines that will be laid down; and I also invite suggestions from thinkers on what is proposed to be done, as well as new ideas.

It must be understood that whatever may be here said about warfare is to be regarded as said for the future. Nothing must be taken as applying to the present war, for the author has no desire to interfere with what is being done at the present moment. All must be left to those in authority to carry it on to a successful issue, and no one should interfere, for or against, until requested to do so by someone in charge. The greatest nuisances to those in command of operations are those who wish to meddle and are not under orders or control. The work these people do is often more than wasted by becoming a hindrance

to the essential work of orderly and systematic operations. Therefore, let everyone desist from all operations in connection with the war until requested to act by someone in authority. Preparation can, of course, be made for probable emergencies, but let matters rest there. *I* shall not interfere in any way except by hoping and affirming that the war will come to as speedy termination as is possible, consistent with lasting peace for *all* nations. This we can all do with profit to everyone concerned, and add a spiritual and mental force to the powers that are operating to prevent world-wide wrecking of everything secular and sacred. In saying this, it must be understood that we are not saying anything derogatory of the German, Austrian, or Turkish *people*. I believe that none of the peoples or units constituting the nations desire war, because it is evidently against all the interests of the populace and therefore those, whoever they may be, that instigate war are the enemies of the people—and will be destroyed. There is no taskmaster equal to he who creates war. He is the worst waster and the worst sweater in the world. Heaven is not his home, nor his future abode. The aim of all those who have been hit

directly or indirectly by the war or are opposed to warfare should be, not to interfere with what is being done now, but to overlap present operations with such action as will be an effective preparation for prevention of any recurrence of war *at any time*, between any peoples. In order to achieve this most desirable result, international action must be taken *by those who are in favour of a perpetual peace*, which is said to be over 90 per cent. of the adult population. It is very questionable whether the *Governments* of the nations will be able to do anything to secure that end. It is evident from what has recently occurred, that the most powerful influences which were brought to bear on the matter were quite futile, because one man or one set of men were determined to fight and no persuasion was of avail or ever will be of avail whilst men have the war spirit always gnawing at their vitals and urging them to satisfy their hunger for conquest and blood. If we look to Governments to bring about the era of peace or to emancipate woman, we shall look on indefinitely. They will never do it. They do not intend to do it. There is no such thing as a proposal to begin it, much less a movement to carry it to a successful issue. Why, then,

should we look to them for help. Every reform brought forward by Governments increases taxation and makes life and business more difficult. The reason for this is the fact, that if reformation (properly re-formation) does not begin in the mind of the individual there will be no reformation at all, for *you* cannot be reformed by any exterior power or person. The re-forming of all things exterior to yourself has to have its origin in a reformed mind, and a reformed mind can only be created by a desire for right and proper conditions for *all* people. From this true reasoning it is evident that if there is to be a reformation it must begin in the individual. It is sufficient that the origin be in one mind, such as that of the writer, which is in real earnest to achieve lasting peace and to emancipate woman. Sincerity is felt, and soon becomes contagious. This movement will spread over the world as quickly as fire spreads in stubble, because it is a right movement based on peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they are the children of Good." You, reader, have already caught this spirit, your sympathy is now enlisted, and you will do your duty in the Peace Army just as our valiant men are doing their duty on the

battlefield. Their work will make the way clear for your work, which in turn will give them rest and peace for the turmoil and strife through which they are passing. Now is your time to take action by mentally determining that perpetual peace shall follow the close of this war.

There are certain principles that must be observed and constantly used to bring about peace. You must think and talk about it and devise means for its advent and stay. You must not think about war, nor read about warfare, nor attach your mind to anything connected with it, because whatever you think about, by reading or by independent thought, to that you mentally attach yourself and create the very things on which your mind dwells. This is now recognized as a fact by advanced scientists, and it has been proved in the laboratory. Therefore, seeing that you create whatever you think about, and you want peace, you must think about peace, desire peace, talk peace, and avoid everything that suggests war, and the people who *will* talk unnecessarily about it, from the parson in the pulpit to the peasant at the plough. That is your first regular step. We must act in this matter as polite society does with the subjects

it avoids. It must be considered to be vulgar to talk of war or strife amongst nations or people, and never recognized as being fit for answer. Moreover, those whose knowledge of the war is confined to newspaper reports have no *truth* to talk about. Private letters from people on the battlefield go to show that the so-called news reports we get are not in any sense a true, or even likely, statement of what occurs. Correspondents are not allowed near the front, therefore their information must be second-hand, and, further, much that is given us as news has never been received over a wire or by letter! These are facts within the knowledge of a large number. This being so, what is the good of reading about the war? Will it not be infinitely better to be reading something that makes for peace, and thinking of the good time coming; of the way in which we are going to help our men when they return home; of what we shall do to establish them in work again; of what we shall provide for restoring them to health and prosperity; of what we shall all do together to settle down in life to provide all the good things that make civilized life the essence of joy?

There are thousands who are sick of war

and warfare, and of hearing about it. Many have complained to me that even at Church the main topic is war, therefore they go there no more. These will be delighted to start on the way of life here indicated, and I shall be glad to hear from them.

From time immemorial mankind has, through ignorance, suffered tortures and held itself in mental bondage to a bogey. At one time it was the fear of hell fire, which has now been put out—of our minds—and has no more terrors for us. At present it is the fear of world-conquest by one nation. My friends, that is a mad idea of a mad brain—sheer thoughtless imagination—imagination run riot. It is the most utter nonsense ever conceived by the mind of man. I go farther and say, no *man of mind* would ever conceive such an absurdity. The merest arithmetical calculation will instantly show you that world-conquest by force of one nation is an utter impossibility. The largest warlike nation in the world does not hold and cannot produce ten million trained warriors at any time, in fact nowhere near that number. But even supposing it could produce such a number, what could they do, even if they were unopposed, when distributed over the globe to

keep the rest of the people under bondage? They would be so thinly distributed as to make them the prey of the people they would be supposed to subdue. But if they were opposed by each nation, what would be left before they could rule the conquered ones? Present events give the answer. The idea of world-conquest is absurd to-day. When it was tried in the past seemingly a natural law prevented its completion. There will never be but one ruler of the world. It will be a spiritual ruler, not a personal one, and until *Love* is dominant as the ruling principle there will be strife which is division. It is to woman we must look to take action for *joining with man* to bring about that desirable rule. Therefore dispel from your mind the idea that it is possible for one man or one nation to rule or conquer the world. Only mad people think that way. They ought to be confined as the dangerous lunatics they are, and it will not be long before that is done, and with them will go all those who are teaching and practising hypnotism and the subjection of the minds of others. It is all of the same type. Love of all is the great emancipator and will set us all free. Nothing but that condition can bring peace.

I have already shown you that reformation has to be begun within each individual. This must be so in the matter of universal and perpetual peace. *You* are one of the factors in the peace movement, and it is to you I look to help. The whole is made up of its parts. You are one part of the great whole, therefore *you* are of importance, because until you have set yourself right the whole *cannot* be right. You have to deal with yourself so that you will not be able to find in your mind *any* strife or warlike attitude toward yourself, your neighbours, servants, employers, or any nation, people, or thing great or small. This means that you have to conquer your temper and bad disposition—if you have them—toward anything and everything. As soon as a storm arises in your mind you will have to quell it. Perhaps you cannot do it now, but by practice you will succeed if you are in earnest. If you have a sort of general bad disposition toward others you will never get rid of it by reading about war, tragedies, and horrors, but rather you will intensify it. You will need different mental food from that to make you morally strong. A good book is *How to create Joy* (1s. 2d.), and *How to make Life a Success* (1s. 2d.), and *In*

Tune with the Infinite (1s. 2d.). These will help you in training to overcome that objectionable sort of mental nature and give you poise and peace.

This personal matter is of the utmost importance in the quest for universal permanent peace, because anyone who can master himself never wants to master another, and will never allow another to master him. Once get to attending to yourself and perfecting your powers, you will soon be so busy that you will leave others alone, and they will soon copy your good example. A nation is just as strong as its units, and no stronger. In making yourself strong in peace, you are beginning to make the nation strong in peace. It is only necessary for each person to do this and each nation thereby becomes founded in peace and righteousness. Do not trouble about others until you yourself are right; but set about your own right development now and you will be doing good and helping the day of what is called "the millennium"—the thousand years of peace.

Another very important point in this connection, and to bring peace and *prosperity*, is to avoid jealousy because of another's prosperity. In retarding others, or being jealous

of their progress, we hinder ourselves as well as them. Thus we retard two or more. By reversing this attitude we help two or more. If we rejoice in the progress, prosperity, or development of others we thereby help them up, and we ourselves by our good thought of them help ourselves and incidentally others —how many we never can tell. To pull down the rich to build up the poor is wrong. No one, whether rich or poor, should be pulled down, but everyone raised. In pulling down others, if you get them on top of you and you yourself be unable to move, your last condition will be worse than the first. It is better to love our supposed-to-be enemies and thereby make them into friends than to keep them as enemies ever trying to destroy us.

Another most important point to be observed in preparing for perpetual peace is to *avoid prejudice*. Whatever may have caused it in the past should now be abandoned. There are thousands of women who are prejudiced against every proposal made by man for their emancipation. This must not be, because the spirit of prejudice will effectually stand in the way of emancipation. Abolish prejudice and take deliverance from any and every hand which offers it. Do not trouble to

oppose those who oppose you and your progress; do not try to persuade those who are set against you, for all that is wasted time and energy. Rather use your efforts in combining with those who desire to help you. Be constructive with the materials at hand and use them all. By so doing you will achieve something worth achieving with the least amount of trouble and labour, and your energies will go farther than they will by resisting, persuading, and fighting your own prejudices.

These are the regular steps to be taken, and until they are taken no real progress towards your emancipation and peace can be made. When water is pure, it is because all its atoms are pure. When the world is purified it will be because all its units are pure. You are a unit, and must therefore become pure in mind and motive. This applies to every male and female on earth, and I call on them to act in this direction at once for the emancipation of the race and for the security of each and every individual.

I suppose no one need be told that war is horrible—the most horrible act that can be conceived? However, I am going to show you some of the aspects in which I have

viewed it, in the hope that you may be enticed to act with me to make another war an impossibility.

First, let me say that war violates *every* commandment, particularly the tenth and eleventh. War completely sets aside the moral law, the observance of which has been considered to be necessary for the existence of right relationship between God and man, and between men and women from time immemorial. We can, therefore, only conclude that war is immoral, just as immoral, only on a larger scale, as what we call immorality amongst the sexes, and that the lawful punishment for this violation will be as sure and swift as the battle itself. The moral law says: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." It also says: "Thou shalt not kill." They who kill are as immoral as those who commit adultery, for both are violators of the moral law. The sanction or orders of a monarch, a Church, or anyone else, does not make an immoral act into a moral one. Unless the war-makers repent and restore that which they have destroyed, they and their possessions will perish. It will be well if they realize this before it is too late to make such reparation as can now be made. The day of

judgment—the judgment of the rulers by the people—is at hand, and they will decide their doom unless something is done to restore the kingdoms! The moral law will soon be set up on a pedestal to be worshipped and obeyed, because it is already seen that its non-observance is one cause of a return to barbarity. When the people realize that all the devastation, waste of life, love and art is the result of the non-observance of this law, they will make it a really living law applicable to every person and every condition of life.

As the female has the first and best opportunity of training both the male and female mind, it is up to her to institute the right moral teaching of her offspring and any children that may be entrusted to her care. She herself must become, if not already so, a moral being obeying that law in all its parts, and must not brook any slighting of it on the part of others in her household. (Here is work of a real, lasting, powerful character for the emancipation first of woman, and then of the race and the perpetuation of peace.) Here it must be pointed out that there is nothing in the moral law that degrades woman. There she is as much honoured as man, and made his equal. "Honour

thy father *and* thy mother." "Thou—both male *and* female—shalt not commit adultery." The moral law as well as the eleventh commandment makes no distinction nor difference between the sexes nor between the castes or ranks in society. There all are equal, otherwise it would not be moral, and consequently we must adopt that law and insist, not only on working it into our life, but on its being made the rule and guide of the life of the nations as well as their rulers. The one thing that is certain, and patent to all, is that the true observance of the moral law can never do any harm to any person in any rank of life at any time. Take away *fear* of the Almighty as a terrible monster and realize that this law was given for the good of mankind and for the suppression of none, it becomes a new and living thing of a most desirable character. In view of recent events it shines forth as the protector of all from those whose undeveloped minds nationally consent to doing, if not really making, that which is said shall not be done personally. If the moral law says to us all as persons, "Thou shalt not kill" no one—not even a monarch has a right to set that command aside because he wishes to kill wholesale instead of

singly ; nor a Church, because it is supported by the State that wants to kill. There is no record extant of a law which gives rulers the right to become aggressive, to kill, and to give their people the so-called " right " to kill others. If there were such a law it would be an immoral one that could be set aside. Who gave power to The Hague Convention to say what should and should not be done in war ? That Convention seems to try to make legal and binding on others that which the moral law says shall *not be done at all.* It is because of its immoral basis—recognizing war as being essential or right—that its *rules for warfare* (!) are being set aside by those who have no regard for the moral law, nor regard for life, treaty or character. There is no possibility of restraining those who, being themselves outside the pale of the penalties of even their own laws, have no respect for the Law of God, or, as I prefer to call it, The Law of Good, for that is what it really is (God or Good are really the same). If, then, they are unrestrainable and insist on doing wrong, shall we in future join hands with them and meet the same doom as they will meet, and endeavour, by agreement, to make ourselves believe we are acting morally when we actually do that

which the moral law says shall not be done? At present the world is in a practically helpless condition to get out of this war without terrible results happening, and all we can do now is to prevent further destruction except what is necessary to permanently disable the aggressors, and permanently lock up all their leaders. I say "lock them up"—not kill them. As we are moral beings we have no right to kill—even those who have killed others. We can rightly prevent destroyers doing more mischief, but not at the cost of their life. All life, which is the gift of God, is sacred to God, and no person has any right to destroy it, or to use his life powers for destroying. The ending of the manifestation of life in the form of our body must be, as its beginning, left to nature. Anyone who interferes with it in any way violates the command "Thou shalt not kill." Any Church or people that does not uphold the moral law is immoral, for he that is not on the side of morality is against it. The Master Teacher summarized the moral law in a positive way, thus: "Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God (or the Law of Good—the Good Law) and thy neighbour as thyself"; and he added a new commandment, "Love one another." To do

this is to act morally and to be free from all condemnation. Warfare, *the exact reversal* of this summary, is therefore immoral, and condemned by it. We must remember that the Law of God was not made to be set aside at any time, but always to be operative. It did not refer to nations as nations—but to individuals, who, when aggregated became nations to whom the same law naturally applies.

Every nation, as it became civilized, made laws for the betterment of its conditions. To trace the evolution of national laws from the first to the present would reveal the fact that every Statute has been prepared with a view to preventing the suppression of the masses and a return to old and bad conditions. All laws have been formed for advancement of the peoples, and only a few have been outside the pale of their operations. These few have always been the ones to set the good laws at nought and to actually do the evil things that the community were not allowed to do without punishment, thereby retarding the onward march of evolution and civilization and establishing immorality instead of increasing morality.

To-day we have a vivid picture of the two

conditions. On the one hand, we find the most severe penalizing laws for the most trivial things and the greatest care taken of the workers in factories, workshops, and at home. To such an extent has legislation been carried that even nail-brushes have to be provided by employers for the use of those who handle certain products which are found to be slightly injurious if not properly removed before absorption takes place, and—even further—time has to be allowed by the employer for the employee to cleanse himself *before* the time for leaving work. This, it will be admitted, is practically *the* limit to which legislation can go, and is only mentioned here as a contrast with the conditions into which the very Governments (who made those laws for the protection of the workers) force the same men who go into the battlefield into every kind of filth, insanitary and dangerous conditions, where *every* law for the good of the people is ruthlessly set aside, and not only ignored, but the man who would ask for anything even decent, might be considered to be mad!

The factory laws make provision for the protection of life and limb and from accidents. There is now scarcely a really dangerous occu-

pation except on the battlefield where there is no personal protection whatever against the most diabolical contrivances ever conceived. Men have been known to leave England sound and be back in hospital wounded in three days!

There is scarcely an insanitary workshop or home except on the battlefield, where the men are in a most filthy condition, both personal and circumstantial, independent of rank or position! Think of our children being in a place where they are *forced* to be verminous. If we kept them in such a condition, to prison we should be sent, and be disgraced, but kings and governments can put them in that condition without a protest being raised.

There is scarcely a place where men are called on to work for indefinite hours, waist or shoulder deep in dirty water and ankle deep in mud, except in Belgium's battlefields. An employer would never think of such a thing. There is no place but the battlefield where men are forced to kill others or be killed by them, and where one has to fight like a beast to preserve even the demoralized life such as that awful carnage creates.

In warfare all the man-made laws for the development and protection of the people are

set aside by the very people who enforce them in peace, and they let loose again that old spirit demon of the past which had been effectually chained. All this comes about because there are a *few* who are not within the pale of the law's operations and can do as *they* please.

Ruskin wrote something very appropriate to present-day conditions: "But I have no words for the wonder with which I hear Kinghood still spoken of, even among thoughtful men, as if governed nations were a personal property, and might be bought and sold, or otherwise acquired, as sheep, of whose flesh their king was to feed, and whose fleece he was to gather; as if Achilles' indignant epithet of base kings, 'people-eating,' were the constant and proper title of all monarchs; and enlargement of a king's dominion meant the same thing as the increase of a private man's estate! Kings who think so, however powerful, can no more be the true kings of the nation than gad-flies are the kings of a horse; they suck it, and may drive it wild, but do not guide it. They, and their courts, and their armies are, if one could see clearly, only a large species of marsh mosquito, with bayonet proboscis and melodious, band-

mastered trumpeting in the summer air; the twilight being, perhaps, sometimes fairer, but hardly more wholesome, for its glittering mists of midge companies. The true kings, meanwhile, rule quietly, if at all, and hate ruling; too many of them make 'il gran rifiuto'; and if they do not, the mob, as soon as they are likely to become useful to it, is pretty sure to make *its* 'gran rifiuto' of *them*.

"Yet the visible king may also be a true one, some day, if ever day comes when he will estimate his dominion by the *force* of it,—not the geographical boundaries. It matters very little whether Trent cuts you a cantel out here, or Rhine rounds you a castle less there. But it does matter to you, king of men, whether you can verily say to this man, 'Go,' and he goeth; and to another, 'Come,' and he cometh. Whether you can turn your people as you can Trent—and where it is that you bid them come, and where go. It matters to you, king of men, whether your people hate you, and die by you, or love you, and live by you. You may measure your dominion by multitudes, better than by miles; and count degrees of love-latitude, not from, but to, a wonderfully warm and infinite equator. Measure!—nay, you cannot measure. Who

shall measure the difference between the power of those who 'do and teach,' and who are greatest in the kingdoms of earth, as of heaven—and the power of those who undo, and consume—whose power, at the fullest, is only the power of the moth and the rust? Strange! to think how the Moth-kings lay up treasures for the moth, and the Rust-kings, who are to their peoples' strength as rust to armour, lay up treasures for the rust; and the Robber-kings, treasures for the robber; but how few kings have ever laid up treasures that needed no guarding—treasures of which, the more thieves there were, the better! Broidered robe, only to be rent—helm and sword, only to be dimmed; jewel and gold, only to be scattered—there have been three kinds of kings who have gathered these. Suppose there ever should arise a Fourth order of kings, who had read, in some obscure writing of long ago, that there was a Fourth kind of treasure, which the jewel and gold could not equal, neither should it be valued with pure gold. A web more fair in the weaving, by Athena's shuttle; an armour, forged in diviner fire by Vulcanian force—a gold only to be mined in the sun's red heart, where he sets over the Delphian cliffs;—deep-pictured

tissue, impenetrable armour, potable gold!—the three great Angels of Conduct, Toil, and Thought, still calling to us, and waiting at the posts of our doors, to lead us, if we would, with their winged power, and guide us, with their inescapable eyes, by the path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye has not seen! Suppose kings should ever arise, who heard and believed this work, and at last gathered and brought forth treasures of—Wisdom—for their people?

"Think what an amazing business *that* would be! How inconceivable, in the state of our present national wisdom. That we should bring up our peasants to a book exercise instead of a bayonet exercise!—organize, drill, maintain with pay, and good generalship, armies of thinkers, instead of armies of stabbers!—find national amusement in reading-rooms as well as rifle-grounds; give prizes for a fair shot at a fact, as well as for a leaden splash on a target. What an absurd idea it seems, put fairly in words, that the wealth of the capitalists of civilized nations should ever come to support literature instead of war!"

Lord Bryce recently said that three monarchs decided this war should take place. *If the people had the decision in their hands it*

would never have taken place. Evidently, the remedy for war is to take away the power to make war from those who have it, make them all come in under the laws which govern us, to adopt the moral law again, and to let the peoples decide.

It is at this point where the new law—the Woman's Law I shall call it—will arise and take effect. It shall be stated in terms like that from Sinai: "Thou shalt make universal peace so that *there shall be no war* for ever." This is the twelfth commandment. I call it the Woman's Law (with capital initials) because she alone can enforce it. "What!" you ask, "*Woman* make a law and enforce it?" Yes! If she begins in this way the present will *be*—or rather not will be, but *is*—the beginning of the Woman's Era. It has come "without observation." This year then is "W.E. 1," not A.D. 1915, only so far as woman is concerned. Our present date is from the time of the Great Teacher Jesus. The future date will be reckoned from the Advent of the *Christ* Spirit of Love and Truth as manifested by women in setting up the Standard of Perpetual Peace. The right *teaching* came through Jesus. The right *action* will come through the women who have

the Christ Spirit of Love and Truth toward and *for all*. Therefore, if you women agree to it, this is the Year " W.E. 1." Nothing can prevent you making that date for yourselves, and using it! The very letters are significant of the union of male and female " we." You must not wait for *authority* to make honourable laws, you must do it, and women must obey them first !

The first Woman's Law can therefore be promulgated in the first year of " W.E. ': " Thou shalt make universal peace so that *there shall be no war* for ever." Nothing can prevent you making that law for yourselves and propagating it over the face of the whole earth. If you do so, the very men who have hitherto oppressed you will rise up and call you " blessed." Those of you who will do it are angels in disguise with all God's Powers backing you for you are emphasizing His Law in yours. This work must be national, international, universal, and it *will* be so because there is need of it, and women, particularly those who are mothers, and those who have the mother instinct and love are they who can do it. It is to our mothers and would-be mothers we look for deliverance from warfare. You must begin with something

definite, and here it is ready made for your use and I hope and think you will approve it.

There is one thing which is omnipresent and omnipotent in the spiritual world, and that is God's Love for us *all*. There is one thing and one thing only which is omnipresent and omnipotent in this world, and that is the mother's love. A mother's love defies description. No words can ever express it. No thought can ever picture it. No idea can ever contain it. No body ever hold it. The poet once asked:

> "Can a woman's tender care
> *Cease* toward the child she bare?"

He answered that she may be forgetful—but it can never *cease* so long as she can think.

Excepting Life, Mother-love, I repeat, is the only omnipresent quality in the world. Wherever a female is found, whether it be human, bird, beast, fish, or insect, the mother-love is found! It is the human mother-love which is the connecting link between the human and the Divine, *that* is to be second Christ—not the second coming of the man Jesus, but the second coming of Christ in womankind. This is the time of the second coming of Christ and that "*Spirit* of Truth" which Jesus said should come is here with us

now. The world could not accept her because it knew her not! But to-day she appears, and she will save the world if it will be saved, or destroy it if it will not be saved. This must not be taken sentimentally. True morality and religion is unsentimental. It is the bond between mankind and God.

"What!" you ask again, "Woman make such a law and enforce it?" Yes. You do not yet realize your power. Your power is a silent one. Have you ever thought that God uses the weak things of the world to confound the mighty, and the things that are not, to bring to nought the things that are? Surely that, at present, represents you. If not, whom? Have you ever thought that there was a time—not long since—when electricity was unknown as the vital power or force that it now is? Fifty years ago it was despised—or unknown—as a commercial and useful thing. Now it is the greatest of all! Have you ever thought that you—the despised tools which were considered to be unfit for cultivating, are the greatest of all? There was a time when you were honoured. In India I believe the feminine has been, and is, still honoured. I saw this prayer in a pamphlet a short time since, which seems to indicate

that this idea is correct: The prayer might be well adopted by *all* women, at least it would have a purifying, elevating, and encouraging effect on every mind that utters it:

"Listen to the prayer that rises every day to the Almighty Mother of the universe from the hearts of Hindu worshippers:

> "O, Mother Divine, Thou art beyond the reach of our praises; Thou pervadest every particle of the universe; all knowledge proceeds from Thee, O, Infinite Source of Wisdom! Thou dwellest in every feminine form, and all women are Thy living representatives on earth."

This shows that the feminine is considered to be the greatest factor in the world, that you must arise and work silently as the electric force works, and show your real self, your worth. *Now* is your time—or, perhaps, never! Your first work is to establish peace. It is a woman's work, and none can do it so well as she. There is none desires it so much as she. That desire will be effective and will secure peace. Women have to become a united "mother" on this subject. They should decide that war must cease or births shall cease. We have to face a very great

moral question which is the most momentous that has ever been asked, viz.: Is it right; is it moral to bring any more children into such conditions as obtain to-day, and will continue to get worse whilst it is possible to have wars?

How many thousands of broken-hearted mothers, wives, sisters mourn their dear departed? Those for whom life has been risked, time and love devoted, education wasted, and for what? To become "gun-fodder" at the beck and nod of one despot whose only idea is that of coveting what is not his, and will use anyone's life but his own to get it! No other motive than "covetousness" can be found for starting this European war. Again a violation of the moral law which entails violation of everything else! I ask: Is it right, is it moral, to bring any more children into this world to face such conditions? Are we not brutes to allow any offspring to come here to face such a calamity. Life under present conditions is a perpetual calamity. Think of Belgium! I refer, however, not only to war troubles but to all the difficulties made by politicians and those in authority. Life and business have become well-nigh impossible through restriction, com-

petition, taxation, and young people of this day have no end of difficulties in living at all decently on their own earnings, and have to be helped by their parents who in turn, when at 40 they leave their employment, have to be supported by their children until they arrive at that age. If war is not *permanently* stopped now, it will get worse and worse. Everything shows that it will be so. Armed peace has proved to be useless. Effectual destructive weapons are followed by more effectual. If this goes on where will be the end? It certainly means that the races will be exterminated if warfare is further encouraged or allowed. This means also continuous grief and unbearable conditions during the progress toward a terribly bitter end—when the last man will find himself like Adam, and he will call for a woman, and she will not be, and I should think God would never give him another!

To prevent that condition is possible now because you women *are* without doubt the greatest factor in the equation. If you say there shall be no more births, very soon war cannot be, because of lack of men. But that must be the last weapon to be used by you. It, indeed, is the most powerful siege gun that

can be used against warfare and war-makers. But nothing can prevent your using it when you have decided to do so, and you must prepare to combine to that end if you want to enjoy your love for children, young and grown up. However, I think that you will be able to use smaller weapons than that at first; but until perpetual peace is definitely and permanently arranged, *and every weapon of war destroyed*, you must keep that peace gun ready for action. By acting in this way you will get into a place where you will be recognized as having an equal part with, and not as a mere subject for the male, in the propagation of the race. Every married woman should endeavour to make a compact with her husband that their offspring shall never in future be engaged in any kind of warfare with their consent, and shall never carry arms for the destruction of any human being. By so doing, you will have done your part in establishing the mind-foundation for the easy execution of that part of the moral law which says, "Thou shalt not kill." Nearly all the remainder rests with the child. In the near future after this woman's emancipation movement takes effect, so quick will be the moral rise of the race that men and women who will

not act in this way will be branded and shunned as being of a low mental and moral order. The thief and they who acquiesce in cheating are now considered to be immoral or dishonest, and are branded and shunned accordingly. That principle will soon be applied to those who kill and acquiesce in it as well as to those who commit and condone any kind of adultery. (Adultery means to adulterate with any foreign body—it can be applied physically, mentally, and morally.) Amongst children, obedience and honour of parents will be duly observed and better manners shown in their general conduct. Of course, all this depends, as I have already said, on the concerted action, in the right direction, of mothers and those in charge of the training of children. You can see what will happen if women do not forthwith take some such action. The loose conduct that will be "tolerated" or "winked at" by some after this war is over will, if not counterbalanced by a salutary influence, ruin the nations. Immorality (not merely sex irregularities, but everything that is not *good for all*) will be recognized as necessary and essential if there is not a leavening moral influence *actively* at work. Save your children, particularly those

on the verge of adolescence, from that war blight. When our troops return they should find a pure love waiting for them, not vicious sentimentality and an easy road to indulgence in nerve-wrecking and body-weakening practices. Great care will have to be exercised in this respect, if the next generation is not to be half mad or a morally degenerate race. This is a subject which will have to be privately threshed out. There is a great cry at the moment of writing about "War Babies" and how to meet the problem of illegitimacy, which I expect is greatly exaggerated, but a greater problem will be "The Post-war babies." How much depends on woman in this matter only requires mention. If the traits of the father's character just previous to fatherhood are transmitted to the offspring, as is generally believed to be the case, women must be on the alert that they do not bring unto themselves a life-long burden. Seeing this war is *likely* to end war—this final "war-blight" ought to be avoided; and it can be avoided if right steps are taken. Our love for humanity and the coming race must prevail on this most important of all points, or we may find a half-animal condition in the next generation. *Everyone* must immediately

learn methods of self-control and try to realize that the difference between man and brute is: "mankind can wait but animals cannot." My idea of morality generally is: "that line of conduct which is productive of only good for *all*," but as it is more appropriate to the matter under consideration I must here insert the best definition of "morality" I have ever seen. It is from the pen of the celebrated Doctor Mercier: "Morality is the foregoing of an immediate pleasure for future benefit." This ought to be printed in gold and given to every man and woman on the face of the earth. If those who agree to this were to wear an ornament indicative of acquiesence in it, such as a little charm as was suggested to me by a friend—"Be square"—it would have a salutary effect in "rounding" out our conduct.

In concluding this part of the subject I would say that if we are to have no more war, we must look ahead and prohibit children being born to us with the war spirit in them. This can only be done by self-control.

Holtzendorf says that in woman's culture the *highest* development of character is required: "Fathers and mothers are still mostly of opinion that light calibre in their

daughters would find most approval from their prospective husbands. They believe that the master of the house should train his wife to suit his own taste and requirements, and think that a character of wax forms the most suitable raw material. They erroneously assume that a dependent, unenlightened creature, without any aim, is equal to the capacity for sacrifice and personal devotion. From traditions in the family, young girls acquire the notion that marriage signifies chiefly promotion in social rank, release from parental authority, doing away with manifold limitations founded on custom. All the deeper moral relations, the most difficult duties, and the problems of self-abnegation are hidden from youth and cannot be made comprehensible to them. But the likelihood of the fulfilment of duty does not increase with the systematic fostering of ignorance or the fear of over-culture, but with that moral effort that will not allow a year to pass without profit, with the development of ripe understanding and a firm self-conscious will" —which are the essentials of the year W.E. 1, and will correct the errors of the past.

One of the essentials for bringing about the Woman's Era is *proper education* of a new

type. Amongst all that has been taught her in the past, her own importance as a creator and preserver of mankind has never yet found a place. We have now to begin to open her eyes to her own inherent possibilities. Just as electricity needed to be focussed to make it of avail, woman's powers needed to be focussed, centred, used in a proper way, just as man's powers have been developed. At the moment there is no national or international movement for training women aright. There is no medium through which they can properly interchange opinions and build themselves up on their own lines and in their own way. Men can never *train* women. That is woman's work, and they must do it all themselves. All that is needed is something to give them a start in that direction. There are too many papers dealing with driblets of the woman's life. Time is not available amongst wives, mothers and workers—nor is cash—for the reading of a lot of matter. One paper is about as much as women generally can afford, and to be properly read and be of use must not be too voluminous. I am going to try an experiment in this direction, by starting a true woman's paper, entirely devoted to her eman-

cipation and subjects on which she should have *her* say in her own way. Its name will be WOMAN'S OPINION, and I want it to consist mostly of correspondence from thinking women and also from men who are favourable to woman's emancipation, but, of course, candid criticism will be welcome, as *bona fide* criticism is wholesome in effect. I have an enormous plan in mind which of course I shall not divulge, but will unfold it as we proceed with the work, but I will say that nothing will be inserted that is at all antagonistic to men or women's real welfare. There will be no faultfinding, condemnation, nor wails of the disappointed. My aim is to make the paper a real medium of educational constructive power *and to carry to an issue whatever is started.* There will not be found "This correspondence must now cease." When we take up a subject the correspondence will cease when the object has been achieved. From this you will easily see that it is not intended to take up anything of a frivolous character, or what can be set aside as of no importance. Ordinary newspapers take up many subjects "of interest" merely to keep up their circulation, but where can we find one single reformed condition as a result of

what they do—or rather not do? The reason for this is, there is no *intention* at the start to *do* anything. The portion, if any, of a newspaper devoted to women is generally filled with drivel such as is, in most cases, an insult to the lowest intelligence. In nearly every case we find the picture of a scraggy idiot wearing an almost impossible costume dubbed "smart," "elegant," or, some title to which it does not respond; impossible instructions as to the care of children by those who have had no practice at it; how to cook impossible-to-eat-dishes by one who never prepared them; and expensive toilet preparations of the most momentary effect and beyond the income of the majority of those who read the paper. This, with a part of a story which is broken off at a point where you must get the next number or edition out of curiosity to see how it works out and in the end is no good, constitutes the woman's page! It shows clearly on what a low level women are supposed to be if that is the mental food they are supposed to take for mind nourishment. What is needed, and is now to be supplied, is a paper that will rise above such mediocrity, cause action to be taken for promotion of woman's mind, brain

and body. To move parliament to do *anything* emancipatory of women is like trying to move a star out of its course. A vote for such a purpose is a useless appendage to one's name and honour. There are better ways and means of helping than through parliamentary measures, through which usually the lawyer's coach and four can be driven and thus smashed up. By proper action, on rightly organized lines, of the whole of the women, they can have a much more effective vote than a parliamentary vote will ever be—one that *will* count (not one that will be a 10,000th part of a count), and be an immediately productive one on her own line of thinking. I would advise all women *pro tem.* to give up the wild-goose chase for (a futile chance of) a vote for an M.P. At present it is waste of time, because parliament does not intend you to have it, or rather does intend that you shall *not* have it. Do something else! Make the laws of the country of no effect by living a right life! Make new, honourable laws for your own guidance and carry them out for world-betterment. If you will support me until you can do better than I shall do, I will help you on to a platform where you will command the respect, admira-

tion and obedience of the world! It will not be done by force or lawlessness, but by right thinking and right action through which no one will be hurt but everyone be helped and blessed. Utopian, do you say? To those who do not know how do it, it may appear to be so, but I am pretty sure I know how it can be done, and if you will trust and support me for a time, you will see that we shall not fail. Every new and important movement is at first viewed as impossible, and that is the case with woman's emancipation at present, but a few years' real work toward an object in view, will show that all things are possible to those who believe they are possible. But I want the help of all thinkers and workers. I am not going to be like Hilarius in *La Poupee*, who claimed to have done all the work of making the almost human doll by himself! I want your help financially, personally, mentally and executively. There are thousands who can and will help financially, I am sure, and quite willingly too, for the first and only person to whom I have revealed my plans sent me a three-figured cheque by return post to start the work. This is an augury of what is to follow. There are thousands of women who can help personally by service in their

own district. There are others of leisure who can contribute matter and prepare copy for the paper, and still others who can help as executive officers. As this work will become international, helpers in these departments from those having knowledge of languages are necessary. Anyone desirous of helping should communicate with me at 329, High Holborn, W.C. I want at first a million English women to start this world-wide movement for their own emancipation. I ask everyone to circulate this pamphlet with a view to inaugurating the work. For £1 I will send you sixty copies. You can sell them at 6d. each and make a profit of 10s., or at 4d. each and make no profit, or you can give them away. If you cannot use so many as sixty I will give those you cannot use to poor women to sell and thereby got a living. You can send as much as you please for that purpose and I will distribute it. I shall also be glad to hear from those who are prepared to take the copies thus made free for sale, so that we may begin mutual work at once. I also want women to take up the sale of WOMEN'S OPINION and to get subscriptions for it. The price will be 2s. 6d. a quarter or 10s. a year. I can also send you copies of my pamphlet

The War Spirit v. the Joy Spirit in the same way. That booklet has been a blessing to thousands. If you get a copy and read it you will circulate it, I am sure. Do not put this booklet aside before writing to me. "Do it now" is a good motto for all reforms, because if you do it now it is done, and we want to act in that way from now onwards in all we do, so begin at once. I would also ask you to contribute to the paper something of benefit to your own sex. I do not want the professional article writer who writes to order. I want those who have something vital to say. It is intended to show in WOMEN'S OPINION what a help woman has been to man generally as well as women to men particularly; therefore, if you can send any authentic account of personal services rendered by, say, a woman to her husband when in public life or as an inventor, or in any capacity, it will find its entrance in the paper. By this means, we shall be able to show the world what woman *has* done, and therefore what she is still capable of doing, although this is now becoming evident from such work as the Women's Emergency Corps has done and is still doing, but it is not half made known as it should be.

It is not generally known that it was through Herschel's sister's devotion that he was able to make his own reflectors for a 5½ ft. Gregorian telescope of his own construction. During the time he was grinding and polishing the reflectors by hand, a process which could not be interrrupted without injury and on one occasion lasted sixteen hours, his physical strength was maintained by his sister feeding him with morsels of food and his mental strength kept up by her reading to him amusing parts of the *Arabian Nights*, *Don Quixote* and other light works. The result: "A copy of his first observation with the telescope on the Great Nebula in Orion—an object of continual amazement and assiduous inquiry to him—is preserved by the Royal Society, dated March 4th, 1774.

It is not generally known either that the wonderful musical works of Mozart would not have been found in public were it not for the devotion of his wife. It is, however, known that Gladstone would never have been the thorough man he was had it not been for the love of his wife. Nearly all the great men in public life who have done wonders have been backed by a real woman. I want you to send all the similar cases you can find, past and

present. The woman's work has never been shown up and, therefore, it is never thought to have been done. You have sown good in the past, let the result of the seed-sowing now appear and reap your harvest. You will then get your just due. I also want particulars of present-day work being done by women who have been, and are, helping the world—or a man—unostentatiously, so that we can get a right perception of woman's real work. I also want the ideas of the women who can see ahead of the times and can help to mould the present aright. Will you all help? It is an important time for us all. I think it is a case of sink or rise, die or live, and it depends partly on woman which happens. I think, in fact am pretty sure, we shall swim and live because there is evidence of real activity in woman's mind to-day as there never has been before. I will here give a warning to men in their own interests. If you do not let women develop now you will find you have made a great mistake when, perhaps, it will be too late. Let me illustrate! It is well known in horticulture that if the roots of a tree are pruned too much the tree suffers, and is retarded in its growth. Mankind is a tree. The male is the branches and the female the corre-

sponding roots. As the roots grow so the branches can grow. If the roots are pruned the branches have to be pruned also. If you insist on keeping women in subjection, the reaction will be failure for you. If you want a larger and better life you *must* let your women expand, and then there will be a reciprocity that will allow you to expand also. The branches of a tree and the roots, in nearly all cases correspond, and there is mutual reciprocity going on in the growth of both. The root grows into fresh soil, by which the tree gets more firmly fixed in the ground, gathers new food and sends it up to the branches by means of which the branches grow new twigs and make more leaves through which they absorb carbonic acid gas which becomes food for the tree and its roots, and between the two the tree grows to great dimensions, bears flowers, fruit and seed, and thereby becomes complete. If you keep woman from occupying the new ground into which she ought to go, even if you can grow, you will get things out of balance. The tree top will be too heavy and the tree (yourself) will fall; and if you cannot grow for lack of the spiritual nourishment which woman brings to man, you must decay, and finally morally

and mentally die. At least, your new enterprises, which correspond to the new twigs, will decay, progress beyond our present terrible condition will be impossible, and all we can do is to stick in the mud through our own selfishness and lack of moral insight. Read the article in No. 1 of WOMAN'S OPINION on "Woman's Real Power." Granted all women are not of the highest type—neither are all men! Granted all women are not good—neither are all men! Granted all women are not desirable—neither are all men! But let those who are doing good work progress in it and help them to progress by paying them properly and giving them room to develop, and you will find the reaction to you will be more than beneficial, it will be a real and lasting blessing. Let both male and female forget the past. Let the two become one to advance together, not only as malekind but as mankind; not as man, but as male and female combined—mankind unified. You must not judge woman's future by her past, any more than you must judge the future of electricity by its past. Both are rising factors and their usefulness is only as yet in its infancy. The possibilities of both are great, but they have to be allowed

to act before they can show what they can, and will do.

One reason why I am writing so much about morality in this booklet for women is, not that I am a religious sectarian, for I am not, but because if there is not moral improvement of the race, the lack of it will cause race suicide which is worse than non-production. Besides this, the science of Brain and Mind reveals the indisputable fact that woman, on the whole, is more moral than man, and we all know it is best to take the line of least resistance in any work by using the most available conditions and the most adaptable material. Therefore, to bring about a truly moral era is the right work of woman. She has, at least, the best mind and brain material for that purpose, and she must develop it to balance the other sex and so raise it up. As woman develops her powers in that direction she will at the same time raise man. As it is acknowledged that the moral status of a nation is no higher than that of its women, this development must be carried on. Every immoral condition of mind or body can well be regarded as a parasite which sucks the vitality out of the real man. Parasitism is a crime in nature! Writing on this subject Drum-

mond says: "Among animals these *lazzaroni* are more largely represented still. Almost every animal is a living poorhouse and harbours one or more species of Epizoa or Entozoa, supplying them gratis, not only with a permanent home, but with all the necessaries and luxuries of life.

"Why does the naturalist think hardly of the parasites? Why does he speak of them as degraded and despise them as the most ignoble creatures in nature?

"The naturalist's reply to this is brief. Parasitism, he will say, is one of the gravest crimes in Nature. It is a breach of the law of evolution. *Thou shalt evolve, thou shalt develop all thy faculties to the full, thou shalt attain to the highest conceivable perfection of thy race—and so perfect thy race—this is the first and greatest commandment of Nature.* But the parasite has no thought for its race, or for perfection in any shape or form. It wants two things—food and shelter. How it gets them is of no moment. Each member lives exclusively on its own account an isolated, indolent, selfish and backsliding life."

Let immorality be the parasite and morality the Being and you can easily see what happens in the mental realm, and how the effects

of immorality, either on principle (or rather lack of it) or in conduct. I repeat, that as woman is scientifically acknowledged as being on the whole, the more moral, she is the right one to lead the moral van into pastures new, and I feel sure that ere long there will be a universal etiquette amongst women that will erase the blot on morality and effectually rid it of its many parasites which constitute a crime against mankind.

It is essential, as Disraeli says, to " nurture your mind with great thoughts," because although " Man conceives Fortune—Woman conducts it." " It is the Spirit of man that says ' I will be great ' but it is the Sympathy of woman that usually makes him so." In another place, speaking from experience, he says: " Ah! what is that ambition that haunts our youth—that thirst for power or that lust of fame, that forces us from obscurity into the sun blaze of the world—what are these sentiments, so high, so vehement, so ennobling? They vanish in an instant, before the glance of a woman." This shows the successful, silent, subtle power of woman and the following the unsuccessful, turbulent, patent force of man.

In his treatise, *Popular Astronomy*, Flam-

marion says: "Behold a little globe whirling in the infinite void. Round this globule vegetate 1,450 millions of so-called reasonable beings—or rather talkers—who know not whence they come nor whither they go, each of them, moreover, born to die very soon; and this poor humanity has resolved the problem, not of living happily in the light of Nature, but of suffering constantly both in body and mind. It does not emerge from its native ignorance, it does not rise to the intellectual pleasures of art and science, but torments itself perpetually with chimerical ambitions. Strange social organization! This race is divided into tribes subject to chiefs, and from time to time we see these tribes, afflicted with furious folly, arrayed against each other, obeying the signal of a handful of sanguinary evil-doers who live at their expense, and the infamous hydra of war mows down its victims who fall like ripe ears of corn on the blood-stained fields. Forty millions of men are killed regularly every century in order to maintain the microscopical divisions of a little globule into several ant-hills!"

Force is evidently destructive but unseen power produces salutary results.

I have said in the former part of this book-

let that the work which will be done to suppress warfare will be of a silent nature, and I want to emphasize this very much, because events have proved that "the boisterous noise of the roystering times" has had just the opposite effect to what was desired. This of itself should be sufficient to show that *silent* work is necessary to bring about the results which we have in view. But independent of that I must refer again to my statement concerning the superior condition of the female mind and brain, which clearly shows her to be of a higher spiritual type than the male, and therefore she must use spiritual means for bringing about the desired results. *Anything short of this will end in failure!* I am not writing sentimentally or in a religious vein, as religion is usually understood, but I am confident that if the female mind exerts itself on the physical side alone, as the male has done unsuccessfully, or even on the intellectual and physical combined, she will be swamped again and again and entirely overcome by the male, because the male is stronger both intellectually and physically, and therefore failure is bound to result to the female mind in that direction. But if she uses the spiritual powers that are at present lying

dormant in the majority, she will succeed beyond her most sanguine expectations. I cannot emphasize this too strongly, because I feel that it contains the very essence of success, and the lack of it is the essence of failure. It is a great mistake for the female mind to follow the advice which was given by a Cabinet Minister some time ago, to imitate the men and to do what they did in years gone by. It was the silliest piece of advice which could ever have been given to them, and it has resulted in absolute failure of their schemes, and for many women disgrace and a perpetual set-back on the physical side. My advice is: *Do not imitate anything that has preceded this day!* You have to bring something *new* into the world, and you have to bring it in in a *new way*, and the new way is to use your *spiritual powers* for bringing about the spiritual kingdom in which "the two shall become one and the man as the woman," meaning that sex shall not count in anything but procreation. This advice will be considered by some to be puerile and by others that it can be set aside; but let me warn you that if you set it aside your efforts will be as weak as water, and even if you should get a slight success it will be of such a temporary

nature that in the near future your conditions will be infinitely worse than what they are at the present time, for if you rise once you must keep on rising, otherwise the new bud which appears on the new twig will die before it has properly blossomed forth, which would be the most disastrous thing that could happen in the cause of the emancipation of woman. If there is no real spiritual life, *i.e.*, a life which is determined to do good for all in everything you take up, you can depend that nothing will come of the efforts you make toward ameliorating the conditions that at present obtain with a view to final emancipation. You can *never* go forward unless you have *life* with which to go forward, and real life is spiritual in essence.

I repeat that what *you* have to bring forth is something *new*, and that is a new spirit of Truth, Righteousness and Equality. If you establish yourselves in that spirit you will find that it will gain force all the time, every effort you make will be crowned with abundant success and will bring the Kingdom of God from within you around you and around everyone else, until it covers the face of the whole earth. If you trust in that Spirit it will bring to pass everything you desire that

is for the good of mankind; therefore I ask you to join with me in endeavouring to exterminate the war spirit by establishing in its place the Spirit of Truth and Righteousness and Goodwill to all. If any should doubt the efficacy of this method I advise them to read a booklet I read whilst this pamphlet was being typed: *Why Germany will be Defeated*, by a Prussian, in which it is shown that this war has been brought about through lack of spirituality in the Prussian mind. To quote from the booklet is impossible as it is full of quotable matter.

I want—as I have said before—a million English women to start this Peace Army. Our work will be to overcome the war spirit by the peace spirit and to do this we shall not fight. We shall displace it by right thinking, planning and acting just as past insanitary conditions were displaced. Anyone who thinks that peace can or will come through warfare makes the greatest mistake that was ever made! The way to establish peace is to first get peace in our own minds and hearts, and let it radiate from there all over the world. As I have said before, reformation must begin within ourselves and must extend from there to those with whom we come in contact. We

shall not try to convert those who are in favour of war, but *we shall boycott them!* There will be a lot of boycotting of that which has caused war as we shall see later on; not only shall we boycott all kinds of mental and physical filth, but in its place we shall establish that which is peaceful and helpful to all nations. This Peace Army will be international.

I would like everyone to read a booklet which is just published, entitled *The Mystery of the Great Name and the Destiny of the British Flag*, by S. H. Ahmad, price 1s. 2d., in which you will see that the British flag is likely to spread over the greater part, if not all, of the Continent. In connection with this I think we ought to have an International flag, or rather banner; seeing that every nation has its flag, there ought to be an international flag, a kind of Flag of flags. It may lead to our having a King of kings. I have thought out a design for it which includes the ideas which are in this pamphlet. You will see it on the cover of this book. It is the Crux Asanta, the oldest Cross known which was used by the Egyptians. The perpendicular beam represents "matter," the horizontal beam represents humanity—

the " feminine " and " masculine " elements, and the ring over the horizontal beam represents " Spirit," thus showing that on matter the male and female elements are united and controlled by the spiritual from above. I think no better design than this could be adopted, seeing that we seek to unify the male and the female for the completion of mankind and to trust God. I have also added the motto which is indicative of our intentions to establish peace, namely, PERMANENT PEACE : PERENNIAL PROGRESS. No better illustration of the truth of this can be found than in the prosperity and progress of the American nation where there has been peace for more than one hundred years. It is the richest country in the world, and nearly every movement for the progress of humanity has, up to the present, arisen there, but this one for the complete emancipation of women has its origin in the land of America's birth.

I have also prepared an International hymn which I hope will prove to be a source of great helpfulness in establishing peace everywhere where mankind is found. I ask your co-operation in order that we may so establish the Kingdom of God on earth, that it shall be immovable for ever, and I make a bold state-

ment which shows my faith : " We can and will do it."

I look forward to the time when instead of spending ten to twenty millions a day in killing our fellow-men and destroying property we shall be able, by our new method of living, consequent on the action now about to be taken, to spend that sum on agriculture, horticulture and manufacturing industries for the benefit of the people and the establishing of proper homes for a thoroughly educated and sensible people. If we get Permanent Peace as undoubtedly we shall, it will ensure Perennial Progress to that extent, and every man and woman will recognize every other man and woman as equal and worthy of all needed help.

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